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This year, Incheon started the '10 Million Incheon Era' with the opening of the Overseas Koreans Agency. Incheon became much closer to realizing its vision of the world's best city and one of the top ten cities in the world. In December, at the end of a year, we remembered the shining moments of the eighth popularly elected government of Incheon, which has worked 'Only for Incheon, Only for People's Happiness.'



Cover Description

Piers 1 to 8 of Incheon Inner Port opened to people for the first time in 140 years.

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10,000,000
CITIZENS IN
INCHEON,

Incheon
expands into
a world-class city

10,000,000

INCHEON ERA

ALL ABOUT
[INCHEON]

Incheon announced the opening of the 'Era of 10 Million People in Incheon.' It is a pledge and goal to become a world-class city beyond Korea based on Incheon's competitiveness as a global city.

Incheon is starting to move toward becoming one of the world's top 10 cities. We looked back on our journey and the future we dreamed of from the starting point.

New Hope CREATED BY BRILLIANT ACHIEVEMENTS

The eighth popularly elected government of Incheon has operated with only Incheon and the happiness of its people in mind. It visited various sites, observed them, and listened to the voices of people. Incheon's challenge has become a leap forward, embracing new hope.

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01 Jemulpo Renaissance Project

'Jemulpo Renaissance' is a project pledged by Incheon to recreate the original downtown of Jung-gu and Dong-gu into a people-centered city that combines culture, tourism, and industry. The goal is to turn the inner harbor area into a water-friendly space for citizens and a marine tourism space and make it a base for future growth industries and young start-ups through the Incheon Free Economic Zone (IFEZ) designation. The Jemulpo Renaissance Master Plan, sourced for this project, will be completed in December, the full outline will be revealed, and the project will accelerate.

Goal Realization of a people-centered original city center where culture, tourism, and industry converge

Four major strategies ① Increase the original downtown population by 50% ② Improvement of cultural tourism competitiveness index ③ Advancement of old industry structure ④ Lead the era of GRDP 100 trillion



02 Attracting Overseas Koreans Agency

The Overseas Koreans Agency opened in Incheon in June 2023. For this, Incheon proactively began campaigns to attract the agency even before the establishment of the Overseas Koreans Agency began in earnest and made every effort for about eight months by visiting related organizations such as the government and National Assembly, overseas Koreans, and the local community. Just as Hong Kong and Singapore have grown into global cities through the Chinese merchant network, Incheon is expected to lay the foundation for a global leap forward with overseas Koreans worldwide.



- 1,2 — Piers 1 to 8 of Incheon Inner Port
- 3 — Overseas Koreans Agency
- Buyeong Songdo Tower
- 4,5 — New Hong Kong City Project Vision Proclamation Ceremony
- 6 — National Museum of World Writing Systems

03 New Hong Kong City Project

Incheon announced a plan to become a hub city like Hong Kong, symbolizing East Asia's global cities. The 'New Hong Kong City Project' is a plan to create an optimal business environment and foster high-tech industries based on the free economic zones of Songdo, Cheongna, and Yeongjong as well as Ganghwa-gun, Ongjin-gun, and Incheon Port. In particular, Incheon will focus on fostering the bio, semiconductor, mobility, and aviation maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) industries, where Incheon has strengths, as well as the logistics, finance, and tourism industries, which are common industries among global cities. For this, Incheon sourced the New Hong Kong City Master Plan service this year and plans to prepare financial resources, establish sectoral plans, and improve laws and systems.

3 Major goals ① A high-tech, innovative city that enhances the quality of life through industrial development ② A free international city that pursues global standards and diversity ③ A growth hub city that competes with the world and contributes to Korea
12 strategic tasks ① Establish future strategic industry ecosystem ② Construct sustainable RE100 special zone ③ Expand maritime and aviation convergence value logistics ④ Cultivate Incheon-type specialized finance ⑤ Expand first-class tourism and cultural infrastructure ⑥ Incheon, off to the world ⑦ Incheon, leading the nation ⑧ Incheon, expanding into the sea ⑨ Incheon, pioneering the future ⑩ Innovate urban structure ⑪ Innovate residential conditions ⑫ Innovate laws and institutions



04 National Museum of World Writing Systems Opened

The National Museum of World Writing Systems opened in Songdo International City. The white building, designed with a scroll concept, with one floor underground and two floors above ground, catches the eye. The interior comprises a permanent exhibition room, a special exhibition room, a children's experience studio, and a cafeteria. Materials on the theme of 'letter,' a common heritage of mankind, have been collected from all over the world, and important materials, such as the "Original Circular Board with Dots (Cuneiform Script of Sumer)" and the "42-line Gutenberg Bible" are on display. As the first national museum built in Incheon, it is emerging as a new cultural landmark.



01 Normalization of Songdo Landmark Towers and Cheongna City Tower Projects

Incheon signed a basic agreement for the Songdo Zone 6 and 8 Development Project with Blue Core Consortium, the preferred negotiating party for the construction of Incheon Tower. The agreement contains provisions to expand the scope of the international design competition to include Landmark Towers I and II, street parks, and theme park sculptures to create architecture and urban design that attract attention worldwide.

In addition, Incheon signed an 'Agreement to Promote the Cheongna City Tower Construction Project.' LH, the main operator for the Cheongna City Tower project, directly selected a construction company to construct the tower, and the Incheon Free Economic Zone Authority was later selected to operate the tower. The tower's exterior and height of 448m were also maintained for construction.



A Brilliant Future COMING CLOSER

Incheon is making efforts to keep its promises to citizens. To resolve long-awaited projects, it looks at them from various angles and pushes forward with step-by-step development. The future we have dreamed of in Incheon will unfold, including balanced development and a global hub city.

- 1 — Whole view of Songdo
- 2 — Sagot Beach in Baengnyeongdo Island
- 3 — Bio laboratory in Songdo International City
- 4 — Yeonsei University Songdo Campus



02 Baengnyeong Airport Construction Begins in Earnest

As the Baengnyeong Airport Construction Project passes the preliminary feasibility study, a small airport will be built on Baengnyeong Island, the northernmost part of the West Sea. Once the airport is built, you can travel from Baengnyeong Island to Gimpo Airport in one hour by 50-seat aircraft. This can solve the long-standing traffic problem of the three islands of the West Sea (Baengnyeongdo Island, Daecheongdo Island, and Socheongdo Island).

Incheon has planned to start construction in 2025, complete it in 2027, and operate 12 flights daily. It also sets up development directions around Baengnyeong Airport, including accommodation, tourism, leisure, and medical care.

03 Hosting WHO Global Bio Campus

Incheon's Songdo International City has been selected as a global human resources training hub for the bio sector by the World Health Organization (WHO). This competition was held across Korea to respond to the demand for human resources in the bio and vaccine industries and to strengthen the competitiveness of the bio industry. Five local governments submitted applications, and Incheon was finally selected after document screening and local evaluation. Incheon plans to begin building facilities in the first half of next year and pilot a bioproduction process program in the second half of the year.

Location 85 Songdo Gwahak-ro, Yeonsu-gu, Incheon, idle space within Yeonsei University International Campus

Scale Total floor area: 3,300m² (approximately 1,000 pyeong)

Main facilities Secretariat, lecture room, laboratory, practice room, instructor waiting room, and practice equipment

Opening date End of 2024 (scheduled)





2023 Incheon Highlight

Incheon announced a new beginning with the declaration of the Era of 10 Million People in Incheon. This year, again, Incheon took on the challenge, moved forward, and made achievements. Let's look at the famous scenes that made Incheon even brighter in 2023.

★ The Starting Point of a Global City of 10 Million People

Attracting Overseas Koreans Agency

As Incheon succeeded in attracting the Overseas Koreans Agency, a home for overseas Koreans traveling back and forth to their home country was established in Incheon on June 5. With the agency, the foundation was laid for Incheon to leap forward as a global hub city with the support of 10 million people, including 3 million Incheon citizens and 7.5 million overseas Koreans.



★ The Decisive Moment that Led to Peace

Incheon Landing Operation Commemoration Ceremony

Incheon held the '73rd Anniversary Incheon Landing Operation Commemoration Event' from September 1 to 19. Incheon presented programs that could sublimate the Korean War into a reminder of peace and security that Incheon citizens and the world would pay attention to, such as the lighting ceremony commemorating the recapture of the Palmido lighthouse, patriotic street parade, etc. Incheon plans to upgrade the event to an international event in 2025.



★ Reborn as a Resting Place for Citizens

Opening of Inner Port

In celebration of Incheon Citizen's Day on October 15, Incheon opened Inner Port Piers 1 and 8, which a security fence had blocked, giving access to the general public for the first time in 140 years. Incheon plans to turn Piers 1 and 8 into marine spaces that anyone can enjoy and to operate the 'Sangsang Platform,' a complex cultural facility, starting next year.



★ A Space Connecting the World through Letters

The National Museum of World Writing Systems Opened

Following France and China, the world's third museum specializing in letters has opened in Incheon. At the National Museum of World Writing Systems, which opened on June 30, you can look at the traces of the world's characters. It will serve as the foundation for new knowledge and cultural projects and a base for cultural tourism in Incheon.



★ Brilliant Future, Luminous IFEZ!

IFEZ 20th Anniversary Ceremony

Incheon Free Economic Zone (IFEZ), designated Korea's first free economic zone and leaping forward as a global city drawing the world's attention, held a commemorative event to mark its 20th anniversary. It was a chance to look back on the achievements of the Incheon Free Economic Zone Authority and announce a new vision, and it ended successfully with participating citizens.



★ Reopened Incheon Sea Route

Cruise Arrival

Incheon Port cruise tours, suspended since 2020 due to COVID-19, resumed after three years. The first ship after reopening was Hapag-Lloyd's EUROPA2, a German cruise ship that entered port on March 19th. Thirteen cruise ships will arrive this year, and 39 will visit Incheon next year.



Interview with the Overseas Koreans Agency Attraction Promotion Team

With the Overseas Koreans Agency,
**INCHEON BECOMES AN
 'INTERNATIONAL CITY WITH
 10 MILLION PEOPLE.'**



With the opening of the Overseas Koreans Agency in June, Incheon became the 'city with 10 million people' with 7.5 million overseas Koreans. There are people who have been doing their best to attract people behind the scenes. It is the Global Cooperation Team of the Global City Planning Department, newly established by Incheon's eighth popularly elected government, with a vision of building a 'global hub city.' Let's hear the story of the eventful journey until the Overseas Koreans Agency was hosted in Incheon.

Interviewee

Global Cooperation Team of the Global City Planning Department of Incheon



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 광초롱 주무관

Q First, please tell us about the main tasks of the Global Cooperation Team.

A The Global City Planning Department plays a key role in creating a 'world-class city where citizens are happy,' which is Incheon's administrative goal. In particular, the Global Cooperation Team is in charge of discovering global cooperation projects and building networks to turn Incheon into a global hub city. Specifically, we strive to attract global business events and international conferences and promote projects such as holding invitational events for global political and business organizations and global companies, such as foreign chambers of commerce, KOTRA, and the Korea Chamber of Commerce and Industry.



We strive to attract global business events and international conferences and promote projects.

Q It seems your team has put in a lot of effort leading up to the opening of the Overseas Koreans Agency in Incheon.

A As the department in charge of attracting overseas Koreans, we put everything into the project by assisting the mayor. First, we identified the government's direction in establishing the Overseas Koreans Agency and established logic and strategies for attracting the agency. Afterward, we visited the policymakers of the relevant departments of the National Assembly, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the Ministry of Public Administration and Security several times to persuade them why it has to open in Incheon in terms of legitimacy and necessity. Mayor Yoo Jeong-bok visited the government day after day and even became the first municipal/provincial governor to have a one-on-one meeting with the President. In addition, we have built a consensus among the overseas Korean communities through continuous promotion using newspaper advertisements and more. In particular, we visited Uzbekistan last December and Hong Kong in March of this year and received assurances from representative organizations in the Korean communities that they would support Incheon. In addition, we had all-round promotion toward people through cooperation with each department and related organizations, eliciting support from all walks of life in the community, and thereby, we were able to host the Overseas Koreans Agency in Incheon on May 8, 2023.

Q What kind of progress was made immediately after the launch of the Overseas Koreans Agency?

A We prepared measures following the attraction of the agency in advance and proceeded without a problem. First, immediately after attracting the agency, we organized a launch support group to support the construction of the Overseas Koreans Agency building and help them to move in. In addition, we held various commemorative events to share the meaning of hosting the agency with citizens, and we established the '10 million City Incheon's Vision' and declared it on the day the Overseas Koreans Agency opened, announcing Incheon's vision both internally and externally. Furthermore, we established the 'Overseas Koreans Welcome Center Planning Department,' dedicated to overseas Korean affairs. We dispatched our staff to the Overseas Koreans Office to create a foundation for mutual exchange and cooperation.



This year, our team has been working hard to promote global cooperation projects and develop networks, including attracting the Overseas Koreans Agency.



Q What are the palpable changes inside and outside Incheon due to the opening of the Overseas Koreans Agency?

A Hosting the Overseas Koreans Agency signifies that Incheon secured a foundation to advance with overseas Koreans worldwide. Incheon is promoting the '10 Million City Incheon Project' to leap forward as a global hub city by hosting the Overseas Koreans Agency. First, for the convenience of overseas Koreans, we expanded the bus route connecting Incheon Airport and Songdo, where the Overseas Koreans Agency is located. We decided to add the Overseas Koreans Agency to the Central Park Station's name. We also have strengthened our bond by inviting overseas Koreans to major events in Incheon. Furthermore, we are preparing an institutional foundation to create a hub city for overseas Koreans. Next year, we plan to open the 'Overseas Koreans Welcome Center,' which would provide customized services to overseas Koreans. In particular, it is expected to revitalize investment as the conditions for overseas Koreans to pursue various businesses are created in Korea's largest and best free economic zone.



Q You wrote the 'Hosting the Overseas Koreans Agency in Incheon White Paper.' What aspects did you focus on when writing the white paper?

A The 'Hosting the Overseas Koreans Agency in Incheon White Paper' gives a summary of approximately a nine-month journey from the start of discussions on establishing the Overseas Koreans Agency to Incheon's decision to host the Overseas Koreans Agency and its opening in Incheon and explains the meaning of hosting the Overseas Koreans Agency in Incheon, and future tasks. The working-level staff experienced many difficulties because there was no previous case of hosting a newly established central administrative agency, so there were no procedures, format, or period established for determining the location of the Overseas Koreans Agency, etc. For that, we wrote down our team's experience, knowledge, and success factors in detail so that others can refer to the book when handling similar tasks in the future. This white paper will be published in December and will be meaningful data that Incheon's public officials can reference when promoting various policy tasks.

Q It is already the end of the year. Tell us about the Global Cooperation Team's plans for next year.

A This year, our team has been working hard to promote global cooperation projects and develop networks, including attracting the Overseas Koreans Agency. Notable examples include establishing a network with economic organizations in Hong Kong and holding a round table with the presidents of the Chamber of Commerce in Korea to promote Incheon's investment environment and lay the foundation for cooperation. Next year, we will work harder to discover various cooperative projects and expand our global network. We ask for great interest and support from citizens.

Enjoy Special Experience

Unique Venue Incheon

© A Beautiful Night in Incheon Touched by Light

Even at night, when darkness steals in, Incheon, 'Korea's first city specializing in night tourism,' shines brilliantly. The time has come when we want to bring out what we have kept inside while several seasons have passed. In December, when the moonlight becomes brighter, let's take a step to a place where the night view is more beautiful. The light that has faded now will rise again tomorrow as a brighter sun.

Central Park



1. Central Park

Central Park is Incheon's representative landmark. It is the first seawater park in Korea, and a freshwater channel runs through its middle. The long walking trail and the wide lake make it a great place to enjoy leisure time in the city center. Crescent-shaped boats appear on the lake at night, creating a mysterious night view. You can enjoy a quiet night scene in Hanok Village on one side of Central Park.

Address 229, Central-ro, Yeonsu-gu, Incheon

2. Long Beach Park

Last December, a new sunset spot was created in Songdo International City. You can relax while vacantly looking at the seascape from the benches and observatories here and there. The highlight is sunset time. When the sun shining over the sea begins to set over Incheon Bridge, the whole world turns red, completing a painting.

Address 308-2 Songdo-dong, Yeonsu-gu, Incheon

Long Beach Park



Wolmi Theme Park



3. Wolmi Theme Park

Wolmido, Incheon's representative tourist attraction, is always crowded with people. Wolmi Theme Park, with various rides, such as the bouncy Disco Pang Pang and dizzying Viking Ship, is like a symbol of Wolmido. Take a picture with the colorful carousel and Ferris Wheel in the background. It might be the best photo of your life.

Address 81 Wolmimunhwa-ro, Jung-gu, Incheon

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Open Port Street

4. Open Port Street

Walking along the open port street, which preserves the old scenery, you will find unique shops, such as cafes, workshops, photo studios, and prop shops alongside antique cultural assets. Especially at night, it would feel as though you have taken a romantic time travel. The night view of Gwandong Church, with its impressive red bricks and the cute bookstore, Literature Retail Store, is breathtaking.

Address Area around Sinpo-ro
27beon-gil, Jung-gu, Incheon

5. Jayu Park

Jayu Park is Korea's first Western modern park. It is also famous for the statue of General MacArthur, which stands proudly in the middle of the park. The observatory looking over Incheon Port is a hot place for night views. There is a hidden hotspot here. When you climb the stairs from the road next to the parking lot at night, the subtle lighting will make your heart flutter.

Address 1-1, Songhak-dong 1-ga,
Jung-gu, Incheon



Jayu Park

6. Tri-Bowl

Tri-Bowl, which stands tall on one side of Central Park, boasts its presence with its unique design. Various cultural events occur in the amphitheater-shaped performance hall and multi-purpose space. At night, the soft blue light from the exterior wall of the building reflects on the pond, creating a scene from a sci-fi movie.

Address 250 Incheon Tower-daero,
Yeonsu-gu, Incheon



Tri-Bowl

7. Triple Street

Triple Street is a shopping mall complex. It is divided into a shopping street, a dining street with famous restaurants, and a rooftop street for relaxation. The 'Wave Sky,' which represents a skyway with colored papers on the ceilings of the four buildings, A, B, C, and D, lined up in a row, adds to the enjoyment of shopping. The sunset point here is the rooftop garden of Building D. When the sun sets, go to the rooftop garden.

Address 33-4 Songdo Gwahak-ro
16beon-gil, Yeonsu-gu, Incheon



Triple Street

8. G Tower

During the day, it serves as the business center of Songdo International City as various international organizations, mainly UN agencies, are located here. At night, it becomes a stage for the night view of Songdo. From the sky garden on the 29th floor, over 100 meters above ground, and the observatory of the public relations center on the 33rd floor, you can see the night view of the city centered on Central Park and POSCO Tower under your feet.

Address 175, Art Center-daero,
Yeonsu-gu, Incheon



G Tower

9. Wolmisan Mountain

The charm of Wolmido, Incheon's representative travel destination, shines even brighter at night. When the sun sets, lights from all over come together to create a fantastic night view. If you climb Wolmisan Mountain, which sits gently in the center of Wolmido, there is an observatory where you can enjoy the night view. Order a cup of coffee at the cafe and enjoy the romance.

Address 125 Bukseong-dong 1-ga,
Jung-gu, Incheon



Wolmisan Mountain

WORLD
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Mat & Bitter Chicken Curry

Palak Paneer

Incheon is vast and has many restaurants, but finding a restaurant that suits your taste buds is not always easy. But if you are a reader of <2023 Incheon Now>, it is a different story. This is a series of restaurants serving foreign cuisines in Incheon that you can visit regardless of where you are from. Our sixth choice is the 「Indian Food」.

인천은 넓고 식당은 많지만, 내 입맛에 맞는 식당을 찾기란 어렵다. 하지만 <2023 인천 나우>의 독자라면 걱정 없다. 서로 다른 국적도 문제없는 인천의 외국 식당 시리즈. 그 여섯 번째, 「인도 음식」이다.

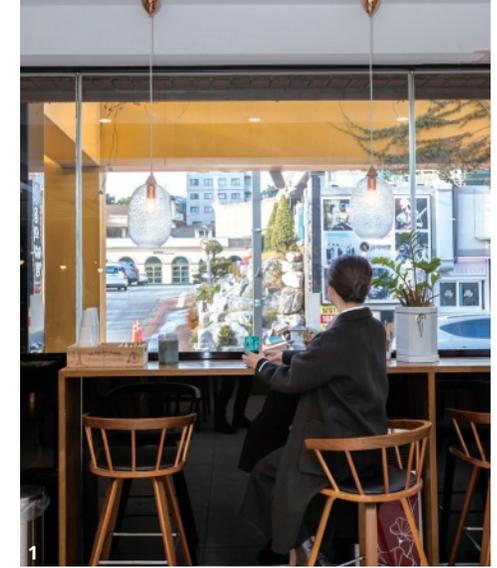
A place where religion and culture come together

About 20 years ago, many Middle Easterners and Muslims began settling in Incheon for reasons such as automobile exports. 'Arabesque' opened to ease the homesickness felt by those who had difficulty with meals due to a different food culture. The restaurant, which first opened in Dongincheon in 2003, has gradually grown in size and welcomed customers of various religions and ethnicities. It has become a meeting place where the memories of many guests, from Muslims and Indians to Koreans and Germans, remain.

종교와 문화가 한데 어우러지는 곳

20여 년 전, 자동차 수출 등의 이유로 인천에 많은 중동인 및 무슬림이 정착하기 시작했다. 매우 다른 식문화 탓에 식사에 어려움을 겪어야 했던 이들의 향수를 해결해 주고자 등장한 곳이 바로 '아라베스크'다. 2003년 동인천에서 첫 발을 댄 식당은 점차 몸집을 키우며 여러 종교·민족의 손님들을 맞이해 왔다. 그리고 현재 무슬림, 인도인은 물론 한국인, 독일인에 이르기까지 많은 손님의 추억이 차곡차곡 쌓인 만남의 장으로 자리하고 있다.

1 — View from inside Arabesque
아라베스크의 창가뷰



Arabesque
Since 2003



Arabesque

Address 1F, 30 Neungheodaero
267beon-gil, Yeonsu-gu

Operation 11:00-22:00
(16:00-17:00 break time, 21:00 last order)

아라베스크

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21:00 라스트오더)



World Gourmet Trip

+ India

India, located in South Asia, has such diversity that it draws near to the world's largest population. Food culture has also developed widely due to the diverse geographical environment and the composition of various ethnic groups and religions. Kolkata is a city that has established a sister relationship with Incheon.

+ 인도

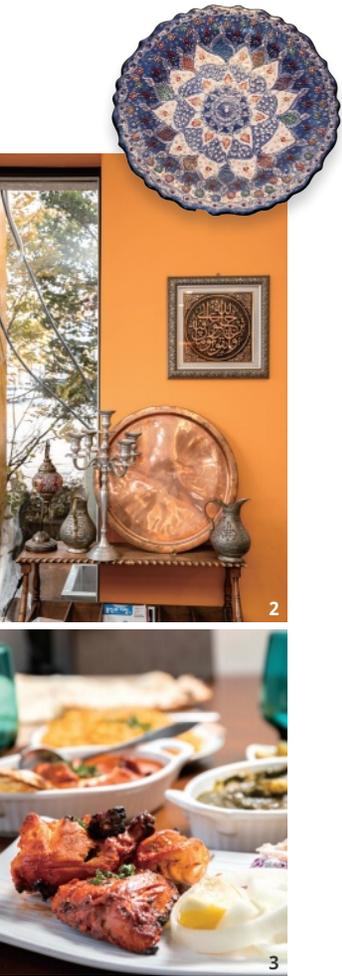
남아시아에 위치한 인도는 세계 인구 1위에 육박할 만큼 다양성이 뚜렷한 나라다. 다양한 지형적 환경과 여러 민족, 종교의 구성으로 인해 식문화 또한 폭넓게 발전해 왔다. 인천시와 자매결연을 맺은 도시로는 콜카타가 있다.

+ What is "Sister City"?

It means establishing a special friendly relationship between cities to deepen mutual understanding through cultural exchanges. The city that has a sisterhood relationship with Incheon City is 'Merida.'

+ '자매도시'란?

도시 간의 문화교류 등으로 서로의 이해를 깊게 하기 위해, 특별한 친선우호 관계를 맺는 것을 뜻한다. 인천시와 자매결연을 맺은 도시는 '메리다'다.



Establishing Arabesque's Unique Identity

The yellow wall and unique logo design that stand out from a distance are symbols of 'Arabesque.' Here, various patterns, picture frames, and water bottles reminiscent of Arabia are added to create an even more exotic atmosphere. Overall, the priority is given to a clean interior, but lighting and props were placed here and there to make you feel like you were in Arabia. As various cultures coexist, unique spaces also stand out. Muslim guests can comfortably pray anytime in the prayer room on one side of the restaurant.

아라베스크만의 정체성을 확립하다

멀리서부터 눈에 띄는 노란색 벽과 독특한 로고 디자인은 '아라베스크'의 상징이다. 여기에 아랍을 연상케 하는 각종 문양과 액자, 물병 등이 더해져 더욱 이색적인 분위기를 완성한다. 전체적으로 깔끔한 인테리어를 우선으로 하되, 조명과 소품을 곳곳에 배치해 현지에서 온 듯한 기분을 느낄 수 있도록 했다. 다양한 문화가 공존하는 만큼 특별한 공간도 돋보인다. 식당 한편에 마련된 기도실에서는 무슬림 손님들이 언제든지 편히 기도를 올리는 공간이다.

Customized Menu to Choose According to Your Taste

'Arabesque,' a well-known Indian curry restaurant, has an Indian chef cooking dishes that deliver local flavors. Among various dishes, there is one menu that stands out the most. 'Chicken Butter Curry,' with an impressive soft and sweet taste, is a favorite dish among Korean customers. 'Palak,' a spinach curry favored by Middle Eastern and Indian customers, is characterized by a simple yet savory taste. If you have chosen a menu you like, try dipping the 'naan,' cooked in an oven and served warm, with curry. Your happiness will be doubled by the amount of food you enjoy.

취향에 맞춰 고르는 맞춤형 메뉴

인도 커리 맛집으로 잘 알려진 '아라베스크'는 인도 출신 셰프가 현지의 풍미를 살려 요리하는데, 다양한 음식 중에도 단연 손꼽히는 메뉴가 있다. 부드럽고 달콤한 맛이 인상적인 '치킨 버터 커리'는 특히 한국인 손님들의 주문이 많다. 현지인들에게 사랑받는 시금치 커리 '팔락'은 담백하면서도 고소한 맛이 특징이다. 취향껏 메뉴를 골랐다면 화덕에 구워 따끈하게 제공되는 'naan'을 커리에 찍어 먹어 보자. 입안 가득 채운 음식만큼 행복이 배가 될 것이다.

- 1 — Inside Arabesque
아라베스크 내부
- 2 — Exotic Interior
이색적인 인테리어
- 3 — Chicken Butter Curry,
Palak, Tandoori chicken
치킨 버터 커리, 팔락,
탄두리치킨

Mini Interview

이우광 매니저
Lee Woo-kwang Manager
피라스 알코파히 대표
Firas Alcoufahy Representative



PLEASE BRIEFLY INTRODUCE 'ARABESQUE.'

'Arabesque' refers to Arabian patterns and culture and we chose it as our trade name to promote Arab and Indian culture. Arabesque, which started in 2003, is gradually growing in size and serving more customers. We will always serve sincerely prepared dishes.

WHAT IS UNIQUE ABOUT THIS PLACE?

We pay a lot of attention to various spices. We source the herbs used in Indian and Arabic food locally, and our chefs mix the spices themselves and use them appropriately for each dish.

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE 'ARABESQUE' IN ONE WORD?

I would like to express it as a 'space of harmony.' Arabesque is a space where people of various religions and nationalities, from Muslims to Koreans, can enjoy dishes made for them. If you miss the taste of your hometown or want to experience a new flavor, please feel free to visit us at any time.

PLEASE SAY A WORD TO YOUR CUSTOMERS AND <INCHEON NOW> READERS.

We are constantly working to allow our customers to experience a wider variety of food. In particular, we have prepared a separate 'Today's Menu' to provide an opportunity to experience food from different countries such as Saudi Arabia, Jordan, and Morocco every day, so we hope to have your interest.

'아라베스크'에 대한 간단한 소개를 부탁드립니다.

'아라베스크'란 아라비아 무늬, 문화 등을 뜻하며 아랍·인도의 문화를 알리고자 상호로 사용하게 되었습니다. 2003년 시작된 아라베스크는 점점 규모를 키우며 더욱 많은 손님을 만나고 있는데요. 언제나 진심을 담은 음식을 제공하도록 하겠습니다.

이곳이 지닌 특별함은 무엇인가요?

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'아라베스크'를 한마디로 표현한다면?

'화합의 공간'이라고 표현하고 싶습니다. 아라베스크는 무슬림부터 한국인까지 여러 종교와 다양한 국적의 사람들이 맞춤형 음식을 먹을 수 있는 공간입니다. 고향의 맛이 그리거나, 새로운 맛을 경험하고 싶다면 언제든지 편하게 방문해 주세요.

식당의 손님과 <INCHEON NOW> 독자분들에게 한 마디 부탁드립니다.

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At the end of the journey

Going around the Town Together

From unfamiliar places to neighborhoods, you can enjoy a fruitful day trip from Incheon without having to travel far. <Incheon Now> editors selected and covered five courses this year. Among them, three courses were covered by 'global reporters' to add meaning and purpose to content, from 'Cheongnidan-gil,' full of leisure and romance, to the Central Park course where nature and the city coexist. At the end of the journey, we look back on the time, space, and memories we have passed.



Jan+Feb

Cheongnidan-gil

A Cafe Street Filled with Leisure and Romance

It is a street lined with cafes created between Bupyeong-gu Office Station and Gulpocheon Station and was named 'Cheongnidan-gil' with the last letter 'Cheong' from "Bupyeong-gu Office (Bupyeonggucheon in Korean)." Because it is near a subway station, it is easily accessible and allows you to enjoy unique cafes, workshops, and various foods all at once. It is also a good place to take a walk and chat along the Gulpocheon Stream nearby.



Cheongnidan-gil Tour List

- | | |
|---|--|
| <p>Naecoo House
#exotic_vibe
#prop_shop
#cute
📍 7-1, Gilju-ro 585beon-gil, Bupyeong-gu</p> | <p>Lotus Root Shop
#Zero_waste #Vegan_cafe #No_lotus_root
📍 1F, 7-6, Gilju-ro 595beon-gil, Bupyeong-gu</p> |
| <p>Kkotchadantg
#Traditional_Korean_atmosphere #flower_tea #dessert_cafe
📍 1F, 7-15, Gilju-ro 585beon-gil, Bupyeong-gu</p> | <p>Café blue chair
#Claude_Boujon #Blue #Painting_Cafe #Plants
📍 17, Jubuto-ro 145 beon-gil, Bupyeong-gu, 1st floor</p> |

Mar+Apr

Triple Street

A playground in the city full of trendy entertainment

Wow!



Triple Street Tour List

THE BEAN
#Croffle #Holy_Land_of_Desserts #Lazy_Afternoon_Comfort
📍 1F, Building D, 33-4 Songdogwahak-ro 16beon-gil, Yeonsu-gu

IN THE ZOO
#Want_to_see_various_animals #Come_here #Communing_with_animals
📍 1F, Building D, 33-4 Songdogwahak-ro 16beon-gil, Yeonsu-gu

The Street Stores
#flea_market #right_up_my_alley #cute_props
📍 Building A Plaza, 33-1, Songdogwahak-ro 16beon-gil, Yeonsu-gu, Incheon

Sky Observatory
#place_with_art #photozone #Songdo_panorama
📍 Stairway between Triple Street Buildings C and D

Triple Street has many charms!

Comments : Jaleah brownlee
Member of the 'Incheon Now Global Reporters'
Student of George Mason University Korea



Triple Street is a complex cultural shopping mall in Songdo International City. Visitors can enjoy a variety of cultures with about 180 stores, from global brands to unique small shops. Close to IGC, I often come and spend time here during the day on weekdays. I am studying composition, and sometimes I find musical inspiration here because I can feel people's fashion and K-POP with my five senses. The entertainment plaza with cultural and artistic performances and the Sky Observatory with a beautiful view of Songdo also highlight the charms of Triple Street!



May+June

Sorae Port

Buy Various Fishes and Walk Along the History

Sorae Port, Place for New Experience!

Comments : Jennifer Christiana
Member of the 'Incheon Now Global Reporters'
Student of SUNY Korea FIT



Soraepogu is where I want to be when I need to get out of the hectic modern city. The area gives me a sense of both cultural and natural peace. The fun traditional fish market excites me, while the ocean's water and wind calm me. Visiting the museum was also very interesting since I got to learn about the Location's history and growth. My visit not only heals but also inspires me as a fashion student through the elements I observed from the culture and nature of Soraepogu.

Sorae Port Tour List

Sorae Fish Market

#Fresh_seafood #Clean_facility
#Enjoy_immediately_after_purchase
📍 12 Sorae-yeok-ro, Namdong-gu

Sorae History Museum

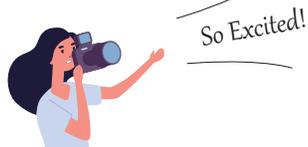
#History_of_Sorae #Suin_Line_narrow-gauge_train #Experiential_exhibition
📍 1605 Aam-daero, Namdong-gu

Haeoreum Square

#walk_course #pinwheel
#View_of_port
📍 1550 Aam-daero, Namdong-gu

Shrimp Tower

#Specialty #Photozone
#Sorae_Port_Landmark
📍 1550 Aam-daero, Namdong-gu



Jul+Aug

Gindam Motungi-gil Long Wall Corner Road

100-year-old Stone Wall Capturing Old Stories

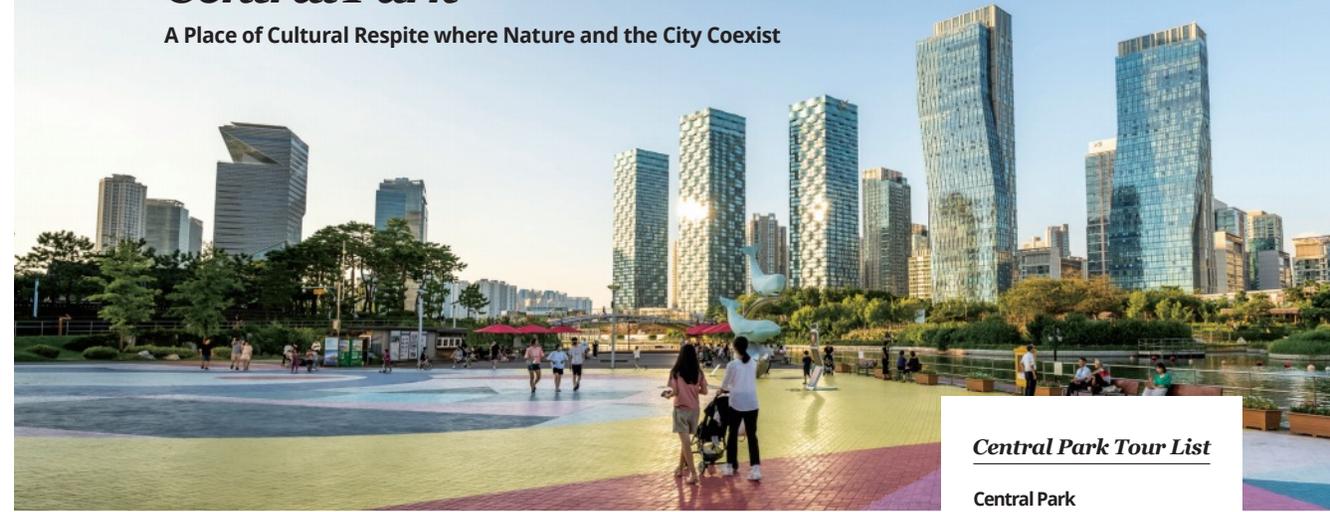
'Gindam Motungi Gil' is a slow uphill road from Sinheung-dong past Incheon Christian Hospital to Ssarijae Pass. This stone wall road was laid in 1907. It is Korea's first road that Japan constructed to travel comfortably between Chukhyeon Station (now Dongincheon Station) and Gyeongingado (Baedari side).



Sep+Oct

Central Park

A Place of Cultural Respite where Nature and the City Coexist



Central Park Tour List

Central Park

#Holy_place_for_walking #Rest_area_in_the_city #Seawater_park
📍 160 Convensia-daero, Yeonsu-gu

TRI-BOWL

#World_First
#InverteShellStructure
#Magnificent #CulturalSpace
📍 250 Incheon Tower-daero, Yeonsu-gu

ART FORE

#EuropeInSongdo
#VariousStores #StreetMall
📍 257 Incheon Tower-daero, Yeonsu-gu

Cafe Gad

#Garden-likeCafe
#CoffeeAndDesserts
#CozySpace
📍 #B-104, 1st floor, Building B, 257 Incheon Tower-daero, Yeonsu-gu

OCEAN SCOPE

#Landscape_sculpture #Photozone #Sea_Landscape
📍 385-1 Incheon Tower-daero, Yeonsu-gu



Songdo Central Park, a Place to Feel Comfortable!

Comments : Skorb Ray Lamar
Member of 'Incheon Now Global Reporters'
Student of George Mason University in Korea

Songdo is my home, not only because I live here but also because it feels like it. When the weather is as great as it usually is, I enjoy nothing more than to visit Central Park and take in the scenery. I can just let my mind wander, whether it's by the water or over a delicious coffee and cake in a café. Living so close to the sea is truly a blessing I love it when I can enjoy the view in the distance. I am thankful that I can live and love here in Songdo.



Gindam Motungi-gil Tour List

Gindam Motungi Jip

#Former_Residence_of_Mayor
#Renovated #Complex_Cultural_Space #Cultural_Experience_Program
📍 Sinheung-dong 1-ga

Cypress Cafe

#Regenerated_Space #Memory&History
#Sinpo-dong_Cafe
📍 18 Jemullyang-ro 130beon-gil, Jung-gu

Dapdong Cathedral

#First_Cathedral_in_Incheon #120_Years_of_History #Restored
📍 2 Uhyeon-ro, 50beon-gil, Jung-gu

INCHEON LIES ON THE BORDER BETWEEN IMAGINATION AND REALITY

Cutting-edge technologies, including robots, mobile phones, tablet PCs, artificial intelligence (AI), and biometric recognition technology, are often first showcased on screen. The same goes for 'flying cars.' It is clear that one day, it will break through the screen into the real world. It is no longer a story from a movie or imagination. It will be common to see Baengnyeongdo Island residents riding flying cars to work in downtown Incheon. But that does not come in a day. There are still a lot of problems to solve.



Incheon has held the 'Korean Urban Air Mobility (K-UAM) Confex' every year since 2021. It is the largest UAM conference in Korea and abroad.

Having a car fly through the sky carrying passengers is not as simple as it appears in the movies.



First, we need a mobility (aircraft) optimized for air mobility. It is an aircraft well-known under eVTOL (electric Vertical Take-off Landing). The requirements it must meet, such as performance, flying qualities, vibration, strength, structure, and safety, cannot be compared to those of cars on the ground. Although significant technological progress has been made, this area requires continuous research and development to improve quality. It does not end with creating a technologically 'perfect' mobility. We need to build a 'Vertiport,' a mobility stop, and open a skyway for mobility. Building an aerial road called a 'corridor' is also not easy. Establishing a signal system and a control and navigation management system is necessary, which naturally requires more advanced technology than ground transportation infrastructure such as highways. Technology is not everything. If a highway

is two-dimensional, the road along which mobility travels is a three-dimensional space. It has a different 'dimension' from roads on the ground. Naturally, traffic and safety laws must be established to control traffic flow in a three-dimensional space and ensure safety. As described, more than a few technical and legal challenges must be overcome to commercialize mobility. In the technology sector alone, results can be pulled off only when almost all industrial fields establish a cooperative system, including mechanical engineering, electrical/electronics, communications, and energy. This is why commercializing flying cars is called the orchestra industry. It is similar to each precisely tuned instrument coming together to create harmony. If even one instrument is out of tune, the symphony is bound to be ruined.

Incheon is playing the concertmaster's role in that orchestra. Of course, the conductor is the government. Just as the concertmaster communicates the members' opinions and musical direction and acts as a bridge between the orchestra and the conductor, Incheon plays an important role in presenting the direction by putting together all participating entities in the future transportation system. The representative piece of the orchestra led by the concertmaster is 'Confex in the field of Urban Air Mobility (UAM).' UAM is a low-noise, eco-friendly aircraft powered by electricity and refers to a next-generation cutting-edge transportation system using vertical takeoff and landing pads. Confex is a compound word for conference and exhibition. Incheon has held the 'Korean Urban Air Mobility (K-UAM) Confex' every year since 2021. It is the largest UAM conference in Korea and abroad. The '2023 K-UAM Confex,' which marks its third anniversary this year, was co-hosted with 'GURS (Global UAM Regional Summit)' at the Paradise City Hotel in Yeongjongdo, Incheon for three days from November 8 to 10. GURS is an international urban air mobility cooperative group of global cities, airports, universities, and institutions and was formed under Incheon's leadership. This year's event is sponsored by the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport, the Ministry of Trade, Industry, and Energy, the Ministry of SMEs and Startups, and the Incheon Tourism Organization.



The exhibition hall, organized by about 40 related companies, consisted of four halls, including the 'Urban Air Mobility Ecosystem Hall,' on the theme of 'future city and technology that realizes urban air mobility,' allowing visitors to experience the future transport system in advance. In addition, various events were held, including the Biz-Salon, which connects multilateral urban air mobility-related meetings and business agreement events, the Tech Market, the Urban Air Mobility Academy, and the urban air mobility professional training project performance exchange meeting.



Map of Grand Challenge Incheon Urban Demonstration Route

Incheon, beyond UAM to AAM

"Soon, the era of air transportation led by UAM will come. It will begin an era of urban air mobility that will simultaneously relieve urban traffic congestion and solve environmental problems. This is the future, as seen through K-UAM Confex today. Incheon has a world-class airport, related industries, universities, and research institutes to lead the UAM era."
 (Incheon Mayor Yoo Jeong-bok, at the opening ceremony of the 2023 K-UAM Confex)



Connecting Cities and People, Cities and Cities

This event aims to share the latest technologies and trends in urban air mobility and promote mutual exchange to advance the era of urban air mobility, an innovative means of transportation in the future. In line with the theme of Confex, 'City Connected,' Incheon has established a venue for cooperation between airframe developers, operators, institutions, and cities, which are key members of the UAM ecosystem. At the opening ceremony, three business agreements (MOUs) were signed between UAM global organizations. Incheon Metropolitan Government,

Incheon International Airport Corporation, Hyundai Motor Company, Korean Air, Hyundai Engineering & Construction, and KT signed a 'Consortium Business Agreement for Cooperation in Commercialization of Urban Air Mobility'. Also, it concluded a 'UAM Airport Shuttle Route Development Business Agreement.' In particular, five new institutions, including the city of Irvine in the United States, Cranfield University in the United Kingdom, the German Aerospace Research Center (DLR), and the city of Odense in Denmark, joined GURS, increasing the number of members to 15. There was a steady flow of UAM officials and experts from around the world at the conference, which was divided into six sessions and covered 36 topics. In particular, as the world's first UAM commercial service is scheduled to be implemented at the Paris Olympics next year, the '2024 Paris Olympics Urban Air Mobility Commercialization Project' session received much attention from participants. In the field of research, new technologies announced by famous domestic research institutes and universities, such as 'technology to collaborate on information collected using drones and robots and link with an intelligent lot' and technology to identify unregistered drones using augmented reality, captured the eyes and ears of experts. The exhibition hall was also crowded with people.

There is a good reason why Incheon plays a leading role in UAM, such as hosting Confex for three consecutive years. UAM can innovatively change the public transportation system in urban, metropolitan, and island areas. Incheon is a city with an international airport, Incheon Port, the metropolitan area with elements related to demand, and various islands. It has optimal conditions in various fields, such as research and development, verification, and commercialization for introducing the UAM system. Incheon's blueprint for future mobility does not stop with UAM. The ultimate goal is to secure daily living zones between Incheon Island and the mainland and establish a high-speed (30-minute) connection network between Incheon and the metropolitan area through the AAM (Advanced Air Mobility) system, a futuristic transportation system with an expanded concept than UAM. For this, Incheon is conducting international joint research with MITRE, an American non-profit research institute specializing in aviation, and the Institute for Aerospace Industry-Academia Collaboration, and plans to publish the 'Incheon Metropolitan City AAM Operation Concept Paper' this year, which will be a milestone in establishing and commercializing the AAM system. The paradigm of future transportation will move from the ground to the sky. A transportation system

using the sky is becoming an inevitable choice for urban spatial structure and response to the climate crisis. While governments and leading companies, including global aircraft and automobile manufacturers, are already entering the UAM industry, there are predictions that the global UAM market will grow to 1,700 trillion won by 2040. In particular, in Korea, where the urbanization rate is expected to reach 86.4% in 2050, UAM is considered a priority as an alternative to minimize economic and social losses due to transportation and environmental problems. The government also organized 'UAM Team Korea,' a public-private partnership involving 37 organizations, in June 2020 with the goal of commercialization in 2025 and is supporting related projects. On November 3, a flight demonstration event was held over Goheung, Jeollanam-do, as the first stage of the 'K-UAM (Korean Urban Air Mobility) Grand Challenge' demonstration project. Next year, the second stage of the demonstration project will be carried out in the sky of Incheon, connecting Cheongna-Ara Waterway-Gyeonggi. (Refer to the map dedicated to the Grand Challenge Incheon Urban Demonstration Route) In Incheon, the leading city of UAM, the boundary between imagination and reality is collapsing.

LET'S TAKE BACK THE GREEN EARTH TOGETHER!

Climate Clock, installed at Incheon Metropolitan City Hall Square

The Maginot Line to prevent global disaster is only 1.5°C.

If the time to save the earth was expressed in numbers, how would it be?

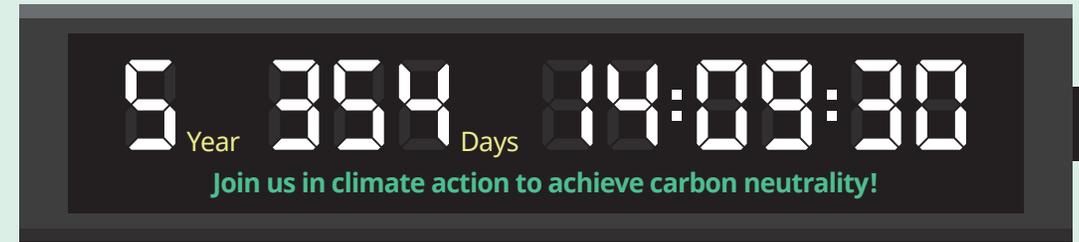
Let's take a look at the Climate Clock, which displays the time remaining until the average temperature rises.



IPCC 1.5°C DECLARED CITY

Incheon's efforts for carbon neutrality are special!

- Expansion of renewable energy, such as offshore wind power
- Expansion of customized citizens' climate action
- Expansion of blue carbon in tidal flats and coastal areas
- Strengthening and leading global climate cooperation



As of August 3, 2023

Promise of People around the World to the Earth

When people talk about the climate crisis, they would also talk about 1.5°C. This is because the long-term goal of the Paris Agreement is to maintain the global average temperature 2°C lower compared to pre-industrial levels and to pursue efforts to limit the increase by 1.5°C. Incheon is where the 48th IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) General Assembly was held on October 6, 2018. All participating member countries unanimously adopted the 'Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C' at the time. The report explains the need to limit the increase in the earth's average temperature to less than 1.5 degrees by 2100 and calls for the reduction of carbon dioxide emissions by less than half the current level by 2030.

'Climate Clock' Installed for the First Time in a Public Building in Korea

We know the severity of the climate crisis, but it is not easy to take action. Gan Golan, an American environmental activist and artist, designed the 'Climate Clock' project to raise the alarm about the worsening climate crisis. The Climate Clock displays the time remaining until the temperature rises by 1.5°C. Incheon City has set a goal of achieving carbon neutrality by 2024 and has installed a clock for the earth for the first time among all public buildings in Korea. The clock was installed in the government building plaza, giving citizens visiting the City Hall an opportunity to change their understanding of the climate crisis and practice carbon neutrality. If the temperature rise is slowed through carbon neutrality, etc., the remaining time on the clock will increase. Incheon will continue to strive to raise environmental awareness to achieve carbon neutrality in daily life.

Efforts to Slow Down the Climate Clock

S.T.O.P for the Earth

Save Together for Our Planet

①
S.T.O.P
Wasting energy, such as water and electricity

②
S.T.O.P
Using disposable products, such as plastic and vinyl

③
S.T.O.P
Using fossil fuels, such as coal and oil

Information about INCHEON

Location 126°37'E, 37°28'N



Located in the very middle of the Korean Peninsula, Incheon is 28 km away from Seoul, the capital of the Republic of Korea. It consists of two counties, Ganghwa-gun and Ongjin-gun in islands, and eight districts in the land.

Population

Total population

3 million (Approximately)



Foreign resident population

6,364 (Approximately)



(Public Data Portal of the Republic of Korea, December 2021)

Terrain

Islands

168 (including 128 uninhabited islands)



Coast

Rias coast

Except for ten or more mountains, including Manisan Mountain and Gyeongangsan Mountain, it is a hilly area under 300m altitude. It has a long and complex coastline and 168 beautiful islands.

Area

1981

201.21 km²



Today

1,066.46 km²



Incheon boasts the largest area among the eight metropolitan cities in Korea. The area was 201.21 km² when Incheon was promoted to a municipality under the direct control of the central government in 1981. Today, it covers 1,066.46 km² after incorporations and reclamations of several areas.

Climate

Four seasons

Spring 🌿 Summer ☀️

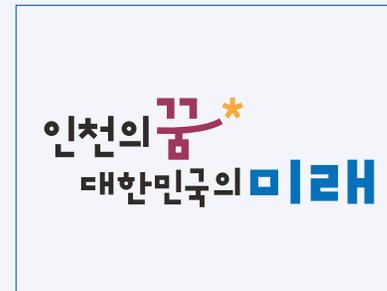
Fall 🍁 Winter ❄️

Situated in the center of the Korean Peninsula, Incheon is adjacent to the West Sea and has continental and maritime climates. The lowest temperature recorded in Incheon is -21.0°C (-5.8°F), and the highest is 38.9°C (102.02°F).

Infrastructure

Incheon has convenient transportation infrastructure, including airports and ports, according to the characteristics of a city that embraces the sea and the land. From Incheon International Airport and Baengnyeong Airport (to open in 2027) connecting the world and Korea, to subway lines and highways connecting Incheon and the capital region, Incheon's transportation infrastructure is becoming more compact. Incheon is also drawing attention as a MICE and tourist city where various attractions, such as mountains, downtown areas, and the sea, can be found.

Vision Slogan



The slogan of Incheon, the eighth government elected by popular vote, is the 'Dream of Incheon, the Vision of Korea.' The slogan's design has a 'star,' which symbolizes dreams and means that it will brilliantly illuminate the future of Incheon, where various information is exchanged mainly through the ports and an airport.

City brand



Incheon opens the way for Korea, connects the way to the world, and becomes the way for you and me. Incheon's brand, 'all ways INCHEON,' means that 'all roads lead to Incheon.' The core value is 'First Ever,' meaning that Incheon is Korea's first and the best. It refers to the dynamic spirit of Incheon, marking the beginning of Korea and taking on new challenges. It is this strength that has made Korea what it is today.

Character

Spotted Seals in Love with Lighthouse

The characters of Incheon were designed based on a lighthouse and spotted seals. The lighthouse, inspired by Korea's first light, 'Palmido Lighthouse,' represents the connection between the past and the future of Incheon, a city of high-tech industries. The spotted seals of Baengnyeongdo Island, the natural monuments of Korea and endangered species, represent the nature-friendly city of Incheon.



INCHEON NEWS

Delivering the latest major news from Incheon



1 Incheon Lover's Communication Forum, Suggestions from 10 Million People of Incheon

On November 11, Incheon held the '7th 10 Million Incheon Lovers' Communication Forum' at Songdo Convensia under the theme of 'Suggestions for Incheon, a World-class City Where 10 Million Incheon People are Happy.' This year, the forum broke away from the existing format of holding discussions with about 300 citizens representing the 3 million citizens of Incheon. It provided more than 1,000 citizens from all walks of life, including various citizens, experts in each field, and multicultural families and immigrants with an opportunity to communicate. In particular, it ended successfully with many citizens attending, as it was an event that symbolized the arrival of the era of 10 million people in Incheon with the hosting of the Overseas Koreans Agency. At the forum, issues related to the past year in ten fields, including communication, youth, environment, economy, and future industries, were presented using big data related to Incheon's administration. A roundtable discussion was held to communicate and discuss the issues with Mayor Yoo Jeong-bok freely. The discussion continued for about an hour, and the main discussion results were announced at each roundtable. Participants voted on the BIG 3 consensus based on the discussion results, and ① (Urban Planning) The entire country will become a 2-hour and 30-minute zone when the KTX from Incheon opens won the largest vote, followed by ② (Transportation) It is necessary to establish regulations and safety measures for scooters and electric kickboards on sidewalks, ③ (Culture and Tourism) Locally branded festival events are needed.

2 Newly Renovated Songdo Central Park Bridge Landscape Lighting



On October 25, the 'Songdo Central Park Bridge Landscape Lighting Improvement Project' was completed. Landscape lighting of five bridges has been improved through an IFEZ project as their lighting fixtures are worn out and partially do not light up or are incongruent with Central Park's nighttime environment. The renovated bridges are the Arch Pedestrian Bridge, Lake Bridge I, GCF (Green Climate Fund) Bridge, Gale Bridge, and Strolling Garden Bridge.

3 2023 IFEZ Korean Speech Contest Ended Successfully



The '2023 IFEZ Korean Speech Contest' was held for foreigners living in Incheon. The first contest was held in 2021, and this is the third year of the event. It is open to any foreigner aged 19 or older living in Incheon (excluding naturalized people, overseas Koreans, and winners of previous competitions). The judges comprehensively evaluated expression, content composition, and fluency, and ▲ the grand prize was given to Giselle Rahimi (USA), ▲ the excellence prize was given to two people, including Sneha Shah (India) and Madison Brand (USA), and ▲ the encouragement prize was given to Hironobe Kokoro. (Japan), Abrimed Hungerzul (Mongolia) and Trung Duenni (Vietnam).

4 Incheon Budget for Next Year: 15 Trillion Won

Incheon City has set the largest-ever budget for 2024, 15 trillion won, and is preparing to become a global city of 10 million people. This is an increase of 1.1235 trillion won (8.1%) from the 2023 main budget (13.9157 trillion won). The investment focus of next year's budget is warm companionship, the best citizen welfare, and a global city of 10 million people. KRW 3.0733 trillion was allocated for warm companionship, such as customized support for the socially disadvantaged and job creation, KRW 5.3737 trillion to make Incheon the best welfare provider for citizens, including the establishment of a people-centered transportation system, and KRW 6.5922 trillion for leapfrogging into a global city with 10 million people.

5 Incheon Free Economic Zone Authority successfully ended the '2023 Ecological Environment Preservation Forum'

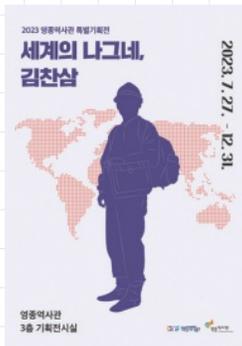
The '2023 Ecological Environment Preservation Forum' held at the Gyeongwonjae Ambassador Incheon in Songdo on November 30 ended successfully. At this forum, wetland experts Bena Smith from WWT (Waterfowl and Wetlands TRUST) in the UK, Carmen Or from WWF (World Wide Fund for Nature Hong Kong Branch) in Hong Kong, and domestic and foreign experts presented and shared various policies and domestic and international cases for creating a world-class ecological city for Songdo on the topic of 'Development of sustainable city where people and nature coexist.' Commissioner Kim Jin-yong said, "We will put more effort into making Songdo International City a global ecological city by sharing the best domestic and international cases and policies presented at this forum."



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Traveler of the World, Kim Chan-sam

Incheon Jung-gu Cultural Foundation is holding a special exhibition at Yeongjong History Museum. This exhibition is a travel record of Kim Chan-sam, Korea's first world traveler, who left lasting achievements in the history of overseas travel. Kim Chan-sam traveled to over 160 countries in 20 trips over 40 years. The fact that he achieved a seemingly impossible dream that no one could easily challenge at a time when it was difficult to travel around the world greatly touched the entire nation. We looked back on Incheon, where Kim Chan-sam grew up and became his resting place in his later years, and his relationship with Yeongjong.

Period Thursday, July 27 – Sunday, December 31, 2023
Location 3F Special Exhibition Hall, Yeongjong History Museum
Information ☎ 032-746-9901

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2023 ACI Year-end Concert <KBS Symphony Orchestra & Pietari Inkinen "Choral" Symphony>

As the final piece to finalize the 2023 Arts Center Incheon's special performances, the KBS Symphony Orchestra and Pietari Inkinen will present Beethoven Symphony No. 9 'Choral,' a representative year-end repertoire. It is considered one of the masterpieces in human history and is Beethoven's last symphonic work. We hope you make wishes for the coming new year through the 'Choral Symphony,' which represents the love of humanity and harmony.

Period Sunday, December 24, 2023, 5 PM
Location Concert Hall, Arts Center Incheon
Information ☎ 032-453-7700

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